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## Overseas Campuses

The Faculty of Arts of Lakehead University will have two satellite campuses in Europe this summer. One is based in England with two centres: one at Corpus Christi College, Oxford University; and one at the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmingham. It is the first time Lakehead University has presented courses in Europe, although last year the Department of Languages held a summer session in Spanish in Mexico.

Dean Ryan, Faculty of Arts, announced that "in early July, some Lakehead University students embark on two of the most fascinating educational experiences ever undertaken by the University. The first venture, studies in English at Oxford and Stratford-Upon-Avon, has been organized by the Department of English to provide the opportunity for students specializing in English to study Shakespeare and Modern Drama in areas where the Bard of Avon wrote and lived, and where modern drama is alive and expertly presented."

Dr. George Merrill, Chairman of the Department of English, Lakehead University, will assume teaching duties for the first three weeks in England, after which the program will be continued by Mr. J. Dyroff, also of Lakehead University Department of English. Guest lecturers will be present from the University of Calgary as well as Birmingham University.

Once the academic part of the course is completed, the students have individual plans to tour the United Kingdom and Ireland to further broaden their understanding of English and Irish literature.

The second of the two overseas programs will commence in Caen, France, also in early July. Among the courses offered will be credit courses in first, second and third year French. The instructors will be Associate Professor D. W. Lewis, Mr. A. Nabarra and Mr. M. Brial of the Department of Languages at Lakehead University, as well as one instructor from the University of Caen.

Almost fifty students will take part in the program which took many months of careful planning on the part of Summer Session officials and members of the French Department of Lakehead University. Many of the students are receiving travel grants from the Pro-

vincial Government while the Dean of Arts at Lakehead University has made available three bursaries specifically for the trip.

The students will have the use of all facilities at the University of Caen and four of their weekends will include tours and field trips to places of interest throughout France. Participants will be lodged separately with French students, and it is expected that this total immersion will help them considerably in learning French and in understanding the language and culture of France.

## Teenage Drinking

According to Dr. A. A. Asimi, Associate Professor of Sociology at Lakehead University, many social problems of today appear to be caused by cultural ambiguity. The historical tradition of North American culture derives its major components from the Puritan code of life. The prevalent way of life, however, is rooted more in the scientific faith, the doctrines of democracy and the spirit of individualism. Social thinking seems to wander somewhere between the objective-material-individualistic on the one hand and subjective-spiritual-communalistic on the other. Choices are not easy. An atmosphere of divided loyalty to these difficult-to-compromise sets of values confound social choices in most of our social acts.



Dr. A. A. Asimi

In such a cultural climate, young people are socialized not so much into anomie or normlessness as into cultural duplicity or value confusion. Consequently, children, when they reach their "teen years", when they are expected to make independent social choices, find themselves confused, directionless, and above all enclosed in a subculture of their own, very nearly abandoned by the larger culture and the older generations. This, in many cases, leaves them bitter and alienated.

Dr. Asimi, as a result of a survey which began in 1969



and involved eight communities, has gained many insights into the way in which this cultural environment affects the drinking behaviour of teenagers in North-western Ontario. Following is a summary of some of his conclusions and comments.

*The level of teenage involvement in drinking in North-western Ontario is serious and portends to become even more serious in the future. Nearly 80% of teenagers across the region are non-abstainers, which is 8% higher than the Canadian population in general.*

*More serious is the tendency of many young people, by their own admission, towards problem drinking and alcoholism. There are approximately 500 problem drinkers in eight Northwestern Ontario communities surveyed, while an alarming 2,310 show a high level of proneness to becoming problem drinkers. This is particularly serious when one considers that these people have a drinking career of forty to fifty years still ahead of them.*

*An important discovery of Dr. Asimi's research is that no clear evidence has been found to show that teenagers start drinking or are influenced toward further involvement with drinking by other teenagers. On the contrary, the decision to drink, or to develop an involvement with drinking is individually made which in turn prompts companionship and conformity with those who are situationally "in the same boat" and with whom the role can be freely carried out. In other words, peer conformity is more of a consequence of drinking rather than a cause.*

*The primary reasons for teenage drinking relate to a sense of cultural appropriateness of drinking, anticipatory socialization into a "normal" adult role, and a belief in the social and personal benefits of drinking.*

*Adult drinking is common and generally condoned to any degree within the limits of individual manageability. Since teenagers are only one step away from adulthood it is understandable that they should wish to prepare themselves for the role awaiting them in the near future.*

*Teenagers who perceive themselves as being more religious are less involved in drinking than those who consider themselves less religious.*

*Comparatively, there is higher involvement among teenagers from families in the lower income bracket. Occupationally, there is more involvement at the two extremes - teenagers whose fathers are unskilled or semi-skilled workers and teenagers whose fathers are in the managerial, executive, or self-employed class*

*are more involved than those whose fathers are skilled or professional workers.*

*The parents' own involvement has little influence on teenage involvement, but parents' attitudes toward teenage drinking are significantly related to teenage involvement. Satisfaction with family situations tends to make it less likely for a teenager to begin drinking, or to develop a high level of involvement.*

Any attempt at controlling teenage drinking must be based on a proper conceptualization of the problem of involvement. In Dr. Asimi's opinion, there are three major aspects of the problem: (1) the legitimacy of drinking per se (2) the desirability of drinking as a socio-cultural form and (3) the easy availability of beverage alcohol.

"For what is legitimate (normatively) becomes desirable; what is desirable becomes internalized; and what is internalized is likely to remain both legitimate and desirable (motivationally). Or what is socially desirable often becomes personally needed.

Obviously, not all teenagers are seriously involved, but even the small percentage who are should be cause for deep social concern. However, effort at control will remain futile unless the legitimacy and desirability of drinking per se are de-institutionalized through a universal rejection of drinking as a social form - something to be "tolerated" in a residual form but not to be "approved" in any form. Normal, well-managed drinking obviously presents no problem. But it is the normal, well-managed drinker who sometimes progresses to problem drinking."

## Research Agreement

An agreement of scientific co-operation has been concluded between the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and France's Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). This agreement is effective June 1st, 1971, and will enable laboratories and research groups belonging to, or associated with the CNRS and those belonging to NRC or invited as participants by NRC to collaborate on research problems.

The initial programs were established by the Council and CNRS before June 1st. Both NRC and CNRS will make \$30,000 available annually to scientists from the other country, this sum to cover living expenses as specified in the agreement.



Each research program submitted is to detail:

- the exact nature of the proposed research
- the participating research teams
- the distribution of work among the participants
- the expected cost of the program
- the expected time period for which the co-operation will be needed.

Canadian scientists and organizations interested in proposing a research project in which the CNRS would collaborate should submit their applications, taking into account the five headings above, to:

Secretary for International Relations  
National Research Council of Canada  
Montreal Road  
Ottawa 7, Ontario.

## Civilization

At a time when many people question the future of our civilization, it is gratifying to find a film series whose central theme is one of hope without romanticizing. Kenneth Clark, now Lord Clark of Saltwood, believes that our civilization has much to look back on that is magnificent and heroic, and that, far from dying, it gives promise of new and greater glories beyond our dreams.

His series, entitled "Civilization", will be presented at Lakehead University, between July 6th and August 10th, time and dates listed below:

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| <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i>           | July 6    |
| <i>The Great Thaw</i>                  | July 6    |
| <i>Romance And Reality</i>             | July 7    |
| <i>Man - The Measure Of All Things</i> | July 13   |
| <i>The Hero As Artist</i>              | July 13   |
| <i>Protest and Communication</i>       | July 20   |
| <i>Grandeur and Obedience</i>          | July 20   |
| <i>The Light of Experience</i>         | July 27   |
| <i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i>        | July 27   |
| <i>The Smile of Reason</i>             | August 3  |
| <i>The Workshop of Nature</i>          | August 3  |
| <i>The Fallacies of Hope</i>           | August 10 |
| <i>Heroic Materialism</i>              | August 10 |

Admission is FREE, Lakehead University Theatre, 7 p.m. on dates listed. Open to the Public. These films are courtesy of General Foods, Ltd.

## Research Commission

The board of directors of the Association of Universi-

ties and Colleges of Canada has approved the establishment of a commission

*to study, report and make recommendations on the mechanisms, structures and processes required to ensure that research undertakings in the universities of Canada can be planned to serve, without undue duplication, both the advancement of knowledge, and provincial, regional and national development.*

*Without restricting the generality of the foregoing and while taking into account existing documentation, attention will be paid to:*

- the diversity of existing processes within the universities, within provincial systems and within regional groupings by which decisions affecting university research are initiated, implemented and evaluated;
- the instruments through which individual, departmental, institutional, provincial, regional and national interests in university research efforts can best be fostered;
- the instruments through which provincial, regional and national interests in university research can be related;
- the role of individuals and of groups of scholars in the development of university research programs;
- the role of granting agencies, federal and provincial, private and public in university research;
- the effect of research sponsored by one jurisdiction on university research supported by another jurisdiction;
- any other related matters.

The commissioners who have agreed to undertake this study are Dr. J. A. Corry, former principal, Queen's University and Dr. Louis-Philippe Bonneau, vice-rector Laval University.

The investigations will begin in July 1971 and will end in June 1972.

Inquiries and correspondence concerning the commission should be addressed to Dr. L. F. Michaud, Director of Research, AUCC, 151 Slater, Ottawa, Canada.

## Campus Notes

Dr. H. Loubat, Associate Professor of the Geology Department of Lakehead University is currently preparing for a research trip in conjunction with Dr. Aumento at Dalhousie University. They will be collecting samples from the floor of the ocean at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. This research follows upon a paper which Dr. Loubat had published this year in the *Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences*.

## weekly events

## meetings

- Tuesday  
July 6** Classic Film Series, courtesy of General Foods, Ltd., begins tonight in the Lakehead University Centre Theatre at 7 p.m. with the showing of "The Skin of Our Teeth" and "The Great Thaw". The public is welcome and admission is FREE.
- Wednesday  
July 7** Classic Film Series continues with the showing of "Romance and Reality", at 7 p.m. in the University Centre Theatre. The public is welcome and admission is FREE.
- Thursday  
July 8** The Department of Music at Lakehead University is presenting the first of their series of six Concerts. Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty of Education Theatre you can hear a Trio Concert - resident musicians. Admission is \$1.50 for non-students.
- Tuesday  
July 13** Classic Film Series presents "Man-The Measure Of All Things" and "The Hero As Artist" in the University Centre Theatre at 7:00 p.m. The Public is welcome and Admission is FREE
- Sunday  
July 18** Ontario Youth Theatre Summer School Workshop.

## Special Music Courses

Registrations are still being accepted for special musical activities being offered during Summer Session at Lakehead University. The Lakehead Symphony Music School and the University are jointly sponsoring the following programs:

*Musical Theory and Appreciation* - a repeat of the successful humanistic studies program (H.S. 104 - Man and His Arts) presently offered for credit.  
*Instrumental Instruction* - a non-credit course (July 12th - August 6th) offering individual instruction in piano, string and wind instruments, musical theory and ensemble playing for beginning and advanced students, at a fee of \$60.00.

*Chamber Music Concerts* will be offered without charge to all members of the University. For further information, contact the Extension Department (Ext. 210) or the Music Department (Ext. 444 or 344-0631).

## Off-Campus Housing

The Off-Campus Housing Bureau is operated in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Students. Its purpose is to help prospective students to find suitable accommodation while attending Lakehead University. This year, the task is being handled by Miss Susan Duke, who is a resident of Thunder Bay and a fourth year student at Lakehead University.

Persons wishing information from the Off-Campus Housing Bureau can either call Miss Duke at Lakehead University, 345-2121, Ext. 726, or come to room UC 0003K, one of the interviewing offices located beneath the Agora.

Accommodation listings are presently available for summer school students. Anyone wishing accommodations for the fall, however, will be placed on a mailing list, and will receive the fall listings in August. This procedure must be adopted due to the lack of housing listings for the July and August period. It is hoped that by the end of July there will be more places to offer students of the regular session.

Area residents who have accommodations for rent are asked to call the Off-Campus Housing. Accommodations at present are very few. Rooms, room and board, apartments and houses are needed for both the summer and fall terms.

